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In re application of:

Livshits et al.

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FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO
ACIDS

Art Unit: 1656

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2005, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A petition for a 3 month extension of time, extending the time period for response to June 30, 2006, is filed herewith.

Amendments to the claim begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 4.